



# Montgomery County Council

*From the Office of Councilmember Howard Denis*

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## **Statement of Montgomery County Councilman Howard A. Denis April 2, 2002**

Those of us who serve in public office, in cooperation with members of the community, have worked for years to help solve the all-too-prevalent problem of domestic violence in our society.

According to undisputed news reports, one public official, Delegate Dana Dembrow, this past weekend committed domestic violence causing significant bodily injury to his wife.

Those of us in public office cannot look the other way when one of our own is guilty of a violent act while we steadfastly implement laws against other members of society who may commit that same offense.

Delegate Dembrow is a member of the Judiciary Committee of the Maryland House of Delegates. He serves at the very heart of our lawmaking process relevant to domestic violence. Clearly, Delegate Dembrow cannot continue to be effective or credible in that role. For the good of all Marylanders and the citizens of Montgomery County, Delegate Dembrow should resign from the Maryland General Assembly and seek the treatment he so obviously needs. The Delegate's health, and the well-being of his family, are much more important than any political considerations he may have.

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